

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 19, 2010**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, April 19, 2010 in the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Vice President Frannicola opened the meeting at 7:25 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Frannicola led the assembly in the flag salute.

MEETING NOTICE

Vice President Frannicola stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Open Public Meeting was provided in the notice of October 8, 2009. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. Kenneth Reilly
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 PM Trustee Kuchta moved and Trustee Russo seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education recess to Closed Executive Session at this time to discuss the following:

Personnel & Contractual

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The motion was approved by voice vote.

RECONVENE MEETING

At 8:04 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sposato seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

The meeting reconvened in the JHWMS Choir Room located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

FLAG SALUTE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute & moment of silence.

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Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Absent: Ms. Stephanie Urso, Student Representative

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS

Recognition of students in the Gifted & Talented Program and Fall Sports Awards were presented to students listed on Schedule A.

RECESS MEETING

At 8:25 PM upon the suggestion of President Casale, Trustee Frannicola moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

RECONVENE MEETING

At 8:33 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sposato seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

Mr. Zarra introduced Mr. John Vitkovsky, Director of Music, who gave a power-point presentation on the revisions to the Music Curriculum and their many achievements throughout the years.

There also was a presentation by the Coast Guards reporting on a free program which is designed to enhance math and science in schools called Partners in Education.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

Open Public Meeting – April 5, 2010
Closed Executive Session – April 5, 2010
Public Hearing/Special Meeting – March 31, 2010
Special Meeting – March 26, 2010
Closed Executive Session – March 26, 2010
Open Public Meeting – March 22, 2010
Closed Executive Session – March 22, 2010

Trustee Frannicola moved, Trustee Russo seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated April 19, 2010, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents as well as other activities going on in the district.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Yeamans spoke about the impact closing 9th grade lunch would have on the lunch program. She reminded everyone to vote.

Mr. Nicolette gave a report on the buildings and grounds throughout the district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee – Trustee Reilly

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Resident Alan Thomas questioned payment to the mediator on the bill list and if extra compensation is a budgeted line item.

Trustee Rogers questioned Check #82825 for newspaper publications.

Trustee Russo questioned Check #82855 for rock salt.

Trustee Reilly questioned Check#82782 for Bruno Associates and status of grants available.

A discussion ensued among the Board regarding Bruno Associates and what grants they presented to the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Sposato moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 7 as listed below.

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 7 were approved by roll call vote with the following exceptions:

- 1) Trustee Frannicola abstained on Resolution 3 – Appointments – Teacher Substitutes.
- 2) Trustee Reilly abstained on Resolution 5 – Extra Compensation.
- 3) Trustee Sautter abstained on Resolution 1 – Retirements.

1. RETIREMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of the following personnel, effective July 1, 2010:

Toby D'Ambola	-Mathematics Coordinator
James F. Cummings	-JHWMS Guidance Counselor
Carol M. Perrone	-Elementary Teacher
Valerie Sautter	-Elementary Teacher

2. RESIGNATION – Athletics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of the following coaches:

Jenifer P. Hecht -Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Jennifer M. Stine -Assistant Cheerleading Coach

3. APPOINTMENTS – Teacher Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B for the 2009/2010 school year.

4. APPOINTMENT – Volunteer Coach

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Miss Gina Pollitt for the position of Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

5. EXTRA COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

**PAYMENT FOR HEALTH DYNAMICS CLASSES –
Month of March, 2010**

Katianne Oakley (Gratz) \$250.00

**PAYMENT FOR TEACHING EXTRA CLASSES –
High School- (maternity leave)**

Steven DiGregorio	\$ 585.00 (13 classes)
Andrew Linfante	585.00 (13 classes)
Christopher Rosati	585.00 (13 classes)
Gerald Ryan	540.00 (12 classes)

**PAYMENT FOR TEACHING EXTRA CLASSES –
High School – Special Education (extra period)**

Helen Doyle-Marino \$ 495.00 (11 classes)

**PAYMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION –
March 8 - 12, 2010 and March 15 - 18, 2010**

Jean Boyle	\$ 320.00
Natale Ferrara	720.00
Rosemary Griesbach	250.00

**PAYMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE –
October 23, December 4, 2009 and March 19, 2010**

Kathleen Cullity	\$ 89.73
Cynthia DeBonis	119.64
Catherine Felici	59.82
Gail Kahn	89.73
Marcellino Marra	59.82
Katianne Oakley	29.91
Janine Peters	89.73
Annette Pucci	59.82
Laura Reilly	59.82
Phillip Siculietano	119.64

**PAYMENT FOR ARTICULATION DAY – January 11,
February 8 and March 22, 2010**

Lottie Alama	\$198.54
Danielle Cancelliere	35.22
Susan Dingwell	46.74
Jennifer Farro	43.86
Angelo Irene	33.12
Geralyn Ryan	43.92
Rosa Santoriello	48.18
Debra Tiene	35.94

**PAYMENT FOR FAMILY MATH PROGRAM –
weeks of January 20 – February 10, 2010**

Kimberly Algieri	\$561.60
Dolores Contreras	561.60
Carla Cullari	561.60
Doreen Holland	561.60
Sheryl Holly	561.60
Holly Jasnowitz	561.60
Marcy Gallagher	561.60
Rebecca Olivo	561.60
Christina Osieja	561.60
Kevin Smyth	561.60

**CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE –
Month of March, 2010**

High School

John Falduti	\$ 19.50
Lori Ferrara	19.50
Sean Fitzgerald	136.50
John Gulardo	234.00
Denise Mazza	58.50
Lawrence Mitschow	58.50
Lisa Vallo	234.00
Eric Wdowiak	97.50

JHW Middle School

Joseph Cappello	58.50
Melissa Echevarria	39.00
Tracy Egan	175.50
Paula Greco	19.50
Jenny Lombardo	117.00
Marcellino Marra	19.50

**SATURDAY MORNING SUSPENSIONS –
Month of February, 2010**

JHW Middle School

Joseph Cappello	\$ 81.51
Marcellino Marra	244.53

6. SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES PLAN - 2009/2010

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the School Nursing Plan for the 2009/2010 school year, which is on file in the Director of Special Services Department.

7. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally Disabled Student

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of students in out-of-district special education classes for the 2009/2010 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Washington Academy Cedar Grove, NJ	1	MD	4/14/10	\$11,544.00
Cornerstone Day School Mountainside, NJ	1	ED	4/14/10	\$13,950.00

8. MEMORIAL

Mrs. Frances S. Williams

Trustee Kuchta moved, and Trustee Sposato seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mrs. Frances S. Williams on March 12, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams had served the Nutley Public Schools as secretary to the assistant superintendent for fourteen years prior to her retirement in July, 1985, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams won the respect of all those with whom she came in contact for her dedication to the Nutley School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

9. MEMORIAL

Mr. James Ryan

Trustee Sautter moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. James Ryan on March 20, 2010, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan was employed in March, 1989 as a transportation assistant/bus driver in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished career, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan exemplified continuous devotion to the children he drove as a bus driver as well as the finest qualities of a transportation assistant. Mr. Ryan won the admiration and respect of his fellow co-workers, and the friendship of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

10. NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Russo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the contracts of the following non-tenured teachers not be renewed for the 2010/2011 school year:

NAME	P/T
Alfaro, Lauren	
Behrens, Peter	
Burghardt, Melinda	
Bravaco, Cindy	
Byrne, Maura	
Campbell, Vance	
Casazza, Eva	p/t .5
Cresci, Judith	
Crupi, Joanne	
DeLitta, Michelle	
Dickerson, Jaimie	
DiCristo, Shanna	
DiVincenzo-Root, Kimberly	
Dwyer III, Joseph	
Ferrara, Lori	
Fitzgerald, Sean	
Francello, Matthew	
Franco, Danielle	
Garcia, Denia	
Gencarelli, Rosalina	
Goodwin, Megan	
Greco, Paula	

Hauer, Ashley
Heller, Daryl
Irene, Angela p/t .5
Johnston, David
Keseling, Sharon
Lazar, Rena
Lombard, Alicia
Lombardo, Jenny
Mabel, Jessica
Matarazzo, Stacey
McMullen, Ryan
Mickens, Chris
Napolitano, Marcia
Piro, Nikki (Casale)
Pravata, Jessica
Robinson, Lori
Rosenhouse, Matthew
Ryan, GERALYN p/t .5
Safonte, Toni
Sanchez, Takisha (Ganesh)
Sarachelli, Victoria (Dente)
Scheick, Stephanie
Shaw, Shannon p/t .2
Sheridan, Erin
Shohen, Lauren (Rush)
Thornton, Jeremy
Tucci, Josephine
Vitiello, April (Hauer)
Weinstein, Jr., Christopher
Weiss, Lawrence
Wdowiak, Eric
Yin, Leon
Zazzali, Lynn

11. NON-RENEWAL OF INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES

Trustee Russo moved, and Trustee Sposato seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved with Trustee Russo abstaining.

BE IT RESOLVED that the contracts of the following instructional aides not be renewed for the 2010/2011 school year:

NAME

Alu, Antoinette
Battaglia, Kristen
Butler, Lorraine
Callaghan, Maureen
Capalbo, Lora
Cappetta, Alan
Caputo, Rosa
Carment, Mary
Castro, Rosemary
Ciccolella, Nicoletta
Conforti, Marie
Cristiano, Kathleen
DeAngelo, Margaret

Duxbury, Roberta
Farrand, Edward Todd
Ferinde, Maria
Gianfrancesco, Cindy
Graham, Jamie
Greiss, Marion
Guida, Dyan
Homyak, Karen
Imperiale, Lynn
Ippolito, Doretta
Jones, Patricia
Lindsay, Samantha
Lombardozi, Erin
Luzzi, Donna
Maciel, Nora
Marando, Denise
McGarty, Barbara
Meola, Nadine
Minichini, Mary Ann
O'Connell, Margaret
Pastena, Kathleen
Paterno, Mari-Angela
Polito, Barbara
Pontoriero, Carmela
Ponzoni, Janet
Pucci, Annette
Rosamilia, Melissa
Rosamilia, Nancy (McConnon)
Russonella, Jacqueline
Salvatoriello, Janet
Saporito, Kim
Sarno, Barbara
Simone, Nicole
Tesei, Lesley
Tucci, Linda
Venable, Mary
Vidomini, Layne
Weiss, Nicole

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Frannicola moved, Trustee Sautter seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 14 as listed below.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 14 were approved with the following exceptions:

- 1) Trustee Rogers voted "No" on all communication bills.
- 2) Trustees Reilly and Sposato voted "No" on check #82782 to Bruno Associates, Inc.

1. CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of March 31, 2010, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-

expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major funds are General Fund, Capital Projects and Debt Service.)

2. BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated April 19, 2010 in the total amount of \$6,271,895.93 (Appendix C).

3. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Appendix D), that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

4. TRANSFER SCHEDULE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 9:20-2, the transfers in the 2009-10 budget dated March 31, 2010 in the amount of \$29,688.99 as appended (Appendix E).

5. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the travel list and all expenses per (Appendix F).

6. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the field trip list and all expenses per (Appendix G).

7. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO WOJCHIK ELECTRIC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 7, in the amount of \$64,582.26 to Wojchik Electric for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

8. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO SUNNYFIELD CORPORATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 7, in the amount of \$57,526.00 to Sunnyfield Corporation for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

9. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO GPC, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 9, in the amount of \$77,910.00 to GPC, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

10. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO B&B IRON WORKS, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 6, in the amount of \$1,099.80 to B&B Iron Works, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

11. APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT TO A&S RESTORATION CORP.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves final payment, Application 2, in the amount of \$16,528.00 to A&S Restoration Corp. for the Exterior Façade Repairs – Radcliffe School as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

12. SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the emergency school bus evacuation drills in accordance to the New Jersey Administrative code NJAC 6A: 27-11.2 as per (Appendix H).

13. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT - ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION 2010/2011 - Chapter 192/193, IDEA-B Services and Home Bound Instruction

WHEREAS, Chapter 192 P.L. 1977 requires the provision of certain auxiliary services to children in nonpublic schools, and Chapter 193 requires the provision of certain services to handicapped children in nonpublic schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be entered into with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide these services during the 2010-2011 school year to students who attend nonpublic schools in Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the price to be paid to the Essex County Educational Services Commission for these services shall not exceed the amount paid to the Nutley Board of Education by the state to implement this program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves a contract with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide homebound instruction for public school students in hospital/rehabilitation facilities outside of Nutley and IDEA-B Services to nonpublic schools for the 2010-2011 school year.

14. NCLB GRANT AMENDMENT APPLICATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amendment application for the fiscal year 2009 NCLB Grant.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), referred to an article in a magazine regarding bullying and teenage suicide. She also spoke about a workshop that is available which targets elementary, middle school and high school students and asked if the Board would consider approving such a workshop.

Lisa Danchak-Martin again questioned the discrepancy in a board meeting notice.

A discussion ensued among the Board.

Mr. Pomaco advised that it was a technical violation.

A discussion ensued among the board regarding open meetings.

Resident Alan Thomas asked why a course was put on the agenda for a second time after it was already approved at an earlier meeting.

Resident Terry Spinelli asked about the status of the Green Schools Program.

Resident Alan Thomas spoke about the September 24, 2009 and November 17, 2009 meetings and the way they were advertised.

Resident Derek Hainey commented on the public meetings.

Resident Terry Spinelli asked how Chartwells is doing.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sautter congratulated all who were running for the school board elections.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 pm on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Reilly, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Interim Board Secretary